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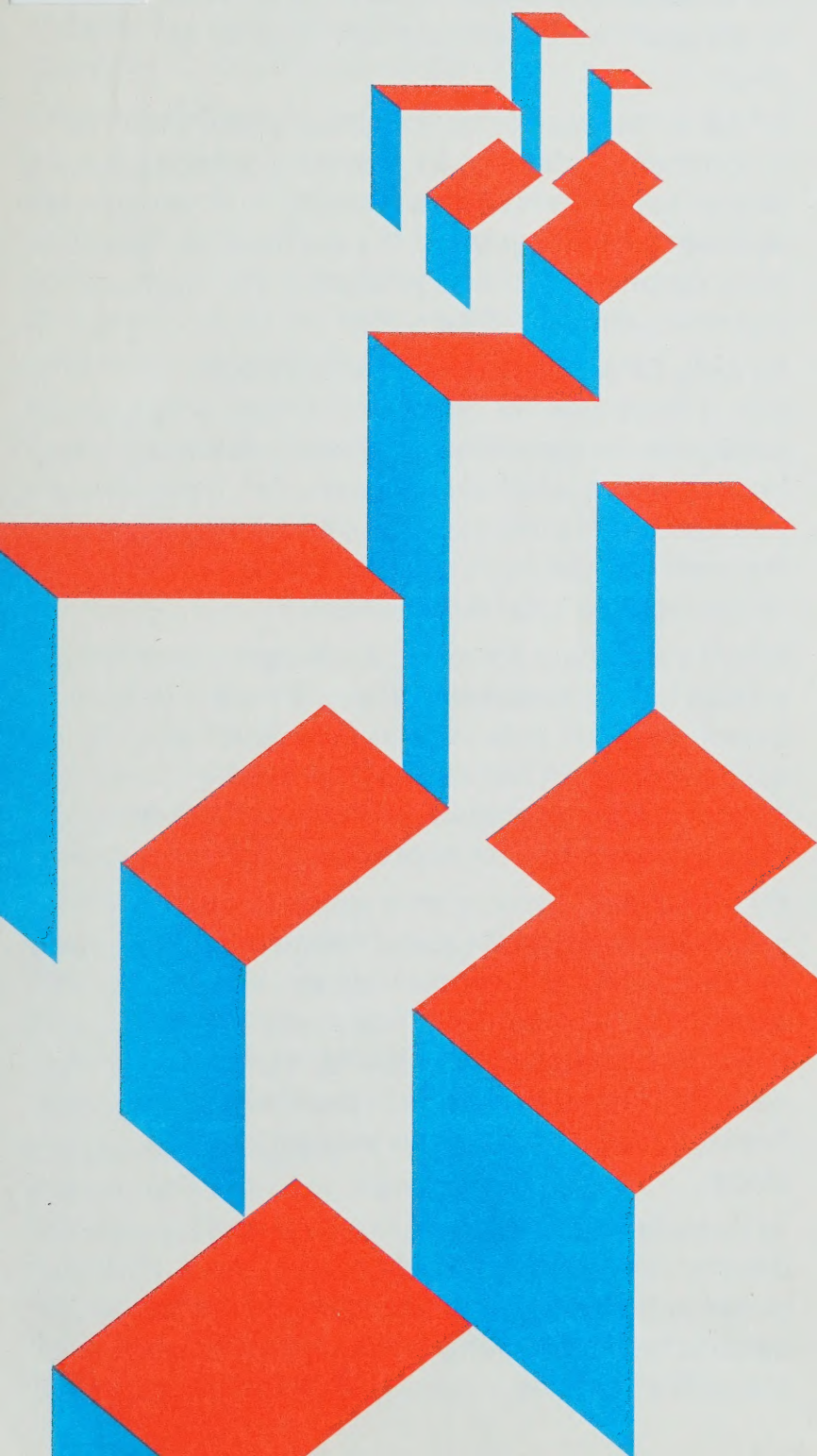
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Ministry of
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The community planning advisory branch



Introducing the community planning advisory branch

The community planning advisory branch (CPAB) of the Ministry of Housing has been created to speed up the processing of planning applications to the ministry and at the same time to improve planning services to the local municipalities and the public at large.

CPAB is responsible for the actual promotion of community planning by providing services and/or advice to municipalities, the development industry and the public, and, in turn, keeping the ministry aware of the needs of municipalities and the public.

As well, CPAB administers a program of grants to be used for direct technical assistance for those small and medium sized municipalities which do not have a full time professional planning staff and which have the most obvious need to develop programs reflecting their local requirements.

CPAB essentially provides an advisory service through regional offices. These devote their full time to giving specialist advice and direct technical assistance to municipalities on planning documents before they are submitted for approval.

By the time an application is actually presented to the plans administration division, which will concentrate on expediting the approval process, any matters which could cause problems and resulting delays will have already been dealt with, hopefully allowing for quick approval to take place.

In keeping with the government's aim of decentralizing services and bringing them closer to the people who use them, CPAB has established five regional offices which cover the entire province.

By being close to the local scene, the field offices can identify planning weaknesses and assess trends in housing and planning which will facilitate a smoother approval process.

Head office:

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Regional Offices

Central region:

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Community Planning Advisory Branch
244 Rideau St.
Ottawa, Ont. K1N 5Y3
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(Manager: Barry Gardiner)

Southwestern region:

Community Planning Advisory Branch
495 Richmond St.
London, Ont. N6A 5A9
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